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1. 軍事・治安関係

● ルーマニア近海で、アゼルバイジャン人乗組員を乗せた貨物船がドローン攻撃を受けて沈没
Cargo ship carrying Azerbaijani crew members sinks after drone attack near Romania

A foreign cargo ship, KHORYV, carrying three Azerbaijani citizens, sank in the Black Sea on Oct.23 after a reported drone attack approximately 24 km from the Romanian port of Constanța. According to Azerbaijan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, all three Azerbaijani crew members were rescued.
Romanian maritime authorities reported that the vessel, which was sailing under the Comoros flag, had 13 crew members on board: 10 Ukrainian and three Azerbaijani citizens. Romanian President Nicușor Dan blamed Russia for the attack, describing it as another consequence of Russia's war against Ukraine. (TREND / 23.10.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、刑務庁の新長官を任命
Azerbaijan appoints new Head of Penitentiary Service

On Oct. 27, 2026, President Aliyev appointed Sahib Rzayev as Deputy Minister of Justice and head of the Penitentiary Service, following the dismissal of Mirsaleh Seyidov from both positions. No official reason was given for Seyidov's dismissal.
According to local media reports, Rzayev previously headed the Investigation Department of the Ministry of Justice and held senior positions at the Ministry of Emergency Situations between 2006 and 2023.
During Seyidov's tenure, Azerbaijan's service of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty reported repeated complaints of torture and ill-treatment, inadequate medical care and poor detention conditions, particularly involving political prisoners. The Penitentiary Service rejected the criticism. (REPORT / 27.10.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン・UAE 合同軍事協力委員会が第 2 回会合を開催
Azerbaijan–UAE Joint Military Cooperation Committee holds second meeting

The second meeting of the Joint Military Cooperation Committee between the defense ministries of Azerbaijan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was held, attended by Major General Elchin Abdullayev, head of Azerbaijan's International Military Cooperation Department, and a UAE delegation led by Brigadier General Jamal Ebrahim Mohamed Almarzooqi, Director of

● アゼルバイジャンとロシア、検察庁間の協力を強化することで合意
Azerbaijan, Russia agree to step up cooperation between Prosecutor's Offices

Azerbaijan and Russia have agreed to expand cooperation between their prosecution authorities, focusing on combating crime and corruption, improving mutual legal assistance and strengthening the exchange of professional experience. The agreement was discussed on Oct. 29 during a meeting in Baku between Azerbaijani Prosecutor General Kamran Aliyev and his Russian counterpart, Alexander Gutsan. During the meeting, Aliyev presented Gutsan with Azerbaijan's jubilee medal commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Azerbaijani Prosecutor's Office (1918–2018), in recognition of his contribution to strengthening professional cooperation and relations between the two institutions. Gutsan was visiting Baku to participate in the third high-level meeting of heads of anti-corruption law-enforcement agencies of member states of the OIC. (REPORT / 29.10.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンとスロバキアの防衛当局者が軍事協力について協議
Azerbaijani, Slovak defense officials review military ties

Azerbaijan's Defense Minister, Colonel General Zakir Hasanov, has received a delegation led by General Miroslav Lorinc, chief of the General Staff of the Slovak Armed Forces.
The meetings addressed further expanding cooperation in military affairs, military technology and military education, as well as other defense issues of mutual interest. (REPORT / 29.10.2026)

● トルコ・アゼルバイジャン間の緊張−アリエフ大統領がサミットを欠席する中、バイラモフ外相がアンカラで開催された OTS 会合に出席
FM Bayramov attends OTS meeting in Ankara as Aliyev skips summit amid reported Baku–Ankara tensions

FM Bayramov visited Ankara on Oct. 29 to participate in the 13th meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS), held ahead of the organization's summit on October 29–30.
The meeting, hosted by Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan, focused on strengthening cooperation among member states, expanding economic and transport connectivity, enhancing security cooperation and coordinating positions on regional and international issues. The ministers also reviewed draft documents and decisions to be submitted to the

leaders' summit, including the Ankara Declaration, and discussed the organization's institutional development and future priorities.
On the sidelines of the meeting, FM Bayramov held talks with FM Fidan. The ministers discussed bilateral relations, cooperation within the OTS, regional and international developments, and other matters of mutual interest.
In his remarks, Bayramov highlighted Azerbaijan's achievements during its OTS chairmanship, which began at the October 2025 summit in Gabala. He referred to initiatives aimed at strengthening political and security cooperation, developing joint defence-industry projects, expanding economic ties and promoting cultural cooperation. He also stressed the importance of implementing previously adopted decisions and strengthening coordination among member states.
President Aliyev did not attend the Ankara summit, despite an invitation from Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. Azerbaijani media reported that Aliyev's absence was linked to previously scheduled commitments in Baku, including the closing ceremony of the inaugural FIFA U-15 World Cup and Festival on October 30.
Aliyev's absence attracted attention amid recent tensions between Baku and Ankara. The disagreements followed Turkish presidential adviser Oktay Saral's criticism of restrictions affecting headscarves in Azerbaijani schools, prompting Azerbaijani officials and ruling party representatives to accuse Turkish political figures of interfering in the country's

2. 内政関連

● バクーのカフェで起きた乱闘による死亡事故を受け、アルズクサン・アリザデ議員の息子が勾留
MP Arzuxan Alizade's son remanded in custody after fatal Baku café brawl

Ahmed Alizade, the son of Azerbaijani MP and Azerbaijan National Independence Party chairman Arzuxan Alizade, has been remanded in custody for four months in connection with a fatal brawl at a café in Baku, Azerbaijani media reported.
The incident occurred on the night of Oct. 23–24 at a café, one person died from stab wounds and several others were injured. Police reportedly identified and detained nine people involved in the incident.
Ahmed Alizade faces charges related to the creation of or participation in a criminal association and large-scale drug trafficking. The case was initially referred to Khatai District Court. However, the judges recused themselves because Ahmed's brother, Orkhan Alizade, serves as a judge at the same court. The case was subsequently transferred to Nizami District Court, which ordered Ahmed's pre-trial detention for four months, beginning Oct.24. (JAM-NEWS.NET / 23.10.2026)

● 元大統領府長官のラミズ・メフディエフ氏に、執行猶予付きの懲役 14 年の判決が宣告
Former Head of Presidential Administration Ramiz Mehdiyev receives 14-year

suspended prison sentence

On Oct. 27, a Baku court sentenced Ramiz Mehdiyev, former head of Azerbaijan's Presidential Administration, to 14 years in prison, but suspended the sentence in light of his advanced age and health condition, according to local media reports.
Mehdiyev was convicted of high treason, actions aimed at violently seizing power or changing the constitutional order, money laundering and bribery. The court also ordered the confiscation of his property in favour of the state and initiated consideration of stripping him of his state awards.
On Octo.28, Isa Habibbayli, president of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences (ANAS), announced plans to convene a meeting to consider expelling Mehdiyev from the Academy's membership following the verdict.
Mehdiyev, who headed the Presidential Administration from 1995 to 2019, became the subject of a criminal investigation in October 2025 and was subsequently placed under house arrest. Investigators alleged that he had taken part in plans to seize power with the help of foreign intelligence services. The authorities did not identify the services, but Russia was mentioned in case-related materials and local media discussions. (APA / 28.10.2026)
Reports also emerged that 31 Turkish citizens had been declared undesirable in Azerbaijan. However, no official statement has established that these disagreements were the reason for Aliyev's absence. On October 29, Aliyev sent Erdoğan a congratulatory message marking the 103rd anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye, reaffirming the historical friendship between the two countries and their strategic alliance under the 2021 Shusha Declaration.
The Ankara summit marks the conclusion of Azerbaijan's rotating OTS chairmanship, with Türkiye expected to assume the chairmanship for the next term. The leaders' discussions are focused on further institutional development, economic cooperation, regional connectivity and strengthening the organization's international role. (APA, INTERFAX / 29.10.2026)

● アリエフ大統領がトルコで開催される OTS サミットを欠席した理由

Why President Aliyev skips the OTS Summit in Türkiye

Pro-governmental Trend News Agency argues that Azerbaijan has faced an increasingly hostile campaign in Türkiye over the past month, targeting the country, President Aliyev and the Azerbaijani people. It attributes the campaign primarily to Azerbaijan's cooperation with Israel and says tensions intensified in October following an Azerbaijani representative's conduct during Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's UN address and Azerbaijan's decision concerning standard school uniforms and the hijab. The author accuses Türkiye's ruling AKP, Islamist groups and sections of the Turkish media of fueling the campaign, including through protests outside Azerbaijani embassies in Ankara and Istanbul. The article criticizes Ankara for responding too late and allowing anti-Azerbaijani sentiment to spread.
Against this background, the author considers Aliyev's decision not to attend the 13th OTS summit in Ankara justified, citing the principle of diplomatic reciprocity and Erdoğan's previous absences from major events in Azerbaijan, including the July 2024 informal OTS summit in

Shusha, the May 2026 World Urban Forum and the October 2026 CICA summit in Baku. The article stresses that Aliyev's absence does not signify Azerbaijan's withdrawal from or reduced commitment to the OTS, but reflects the current political circumstances and the importance of reciprocity in diplomatic relations. (TREND / 29.10.2026)

● アルメニアのパシニャン首相、アゼルバイジャンとの和平合意へのコミットメントを再確認
Armenian PM Pashinyan reaffirms commitment to peace agreement with Azerbaijan

Armenian PM Pashinyan reaffirmed his commitment to signing and ratifying a peace agreement with Azerbaijan, saying on Oct. 29 that he would consider it a personal failure if he left office without the agreement being finalized.
Speaking at a press briefing, Pashinyan stressed that peace between the two countries must become irreversible and last for generations. He said the objective was to transform the current period of peace into a long-term arrangement lasting hundreds of years.
Pashinyan also addressed Armenia's constitutional reform, describing the country's Declaration of Independence as an "anti-state text." He argued that the new Constitution should reflect the continuity of the Armenian state rather than the ideology underlying the declaration.
Asked whether constitutional changes would guarantee the signing and ratification of the peace agreement with Azerbaijan, Pashinyan said he could not provide a definitive answer, noting that the outcome depended partly on factors beyond his government's control. He added that, if reliable guarantees could be established, voting against the new Constitution would amount to voting against peace. (NEWS.AM / 29.10.2026)

3. 外政関連

● アゼルバイジャンとインドが関係改善を図る中、インド外相がアゼルバイジャンを訪問
Indian foreign minister visits Azerbaijan as Baku and New Delhi seek to improve relations

India's External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar met with FM Bayramov in Baku on Oct.23 to discuss political dialogue, trade, investment, energy, transport, tourism, education, science and cultural cooperation.
Bayramov emphasised the importance of developing bilateral relations based on mutual respect, sovereignty and equality of states. He noted that previous disagreements had affected bilateral relations and cooperation within international organisations, adding that the issues had been discussed openly and constructively.
Jaishankar described the talks as productive and expressed India's readiness to strengthen cooperation with Azerbaijan. He also invited Bayramov to visit India.
The ministers discussed opportunities to increase bilateral trade and investment, including cooperation in pharmaceuticals, agriculture, information technology and the energy sector.

According to Indian media reports, bilateral trade reached approximately $600 million in the first half of 2026, compared with $401 million in 2025. More than 1,000 Indian companies are registered in Azerbaijan, while Indian state-owned energy company ONGC Videsh has invested more than $1.2 billion in Azerbaijan's oil and gas sector.
The sides also discussed transport connectivity, including the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway and the Port of Baku. Jaishankar highlighted the importance of closer coordination on the INSTC and expanding air connectivity.

Jaishankar thanked Azerbaijan for assisting in the evacuation of Indian nationals, particularly students, from Iran during the regional conflict earlier in 2026. He also proposed increasing Azerbaijani participation in India's Technical and Economic Cooperation programme.
On regional issues, Bayramov briefed Jaishankar on the Armenia-Azerbaijan normalisation process, the outcomes of the August 2025 Washington meeting, confidence-building measures and reconstruction in Azerbaijan's liberated territories. The ministers also exchanged views on developments in the South Caucasus, the Middle East, Europe and Eurasia, as well as international security challenges.
The sides discussed cooperation within the United Nations, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and other international platforms. They emphasised the importance of regular political consultations, reciprocal visits and exchanges between business delegations. (TREND / 23.10.2026)
NOTE: *India–Azerbaijan relations have been affected by differing regional partnerships, particularly India's growing defence cooperation with Armenia and Azerbaijan's close relations with Pakistan. India's arms supplies to Armenia have been a longstanding source of concern for Baku. Tensions escalated further in May 2025, when Azerbaijan condemned India's military strikes against Pakistan during Operation Sindoor and expressed solidarity with Islamabad. These disagreements have complicated bilateral relations, although both sides have continued diplomatic engagement.*
Notably, Jaishankar's visit coincided with a period of unusually public tension between Baku and Ankara, though no direct link between the two diplomatic developments has been confirmed.

● アゼルバイジャンとパキスタン、司法協力の拡大を目指す
Azerbaijan, Pakistan seek to expand judicial cooperation

Justice Minister Farid Ahmadov met with Amin-ud-Din Khan, Chief Justice of Pakistan's Federal Constitutional Court, who is visiting Azerbaijan, to discuss expanding judicial cooperation and professional exchanges. The sides reviewed implementation of their cooperation agreement, including joint training programmes for judges and justice officials. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening legal ties within the framework of

the Azerbaijan–Pakistan strategic partnership. (TREND / 23.10.2026)

● アゼルバイジャン、ヨルダンの教会で発生した死者を伴う襲撃を非難
Azerbaijan Condemns Deadly Attack on Church in Jordan

Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry condemned the armed attack on St. George's Greek Orthodox Church in Jordan's Karak governorate on Oct. 23, expressing solidarity with Jordan and condolences to the victims' families. The attack, carried out by three gunmen during a funeral, left several people dead and injured. (TREND / 23.10.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンとトルコ間の緊張が高まる中、アゼルバイジャン大使がバフチェリ氏と会談
Azerbaijan's Ambassador meets Bahçeli amid tensions between Baku and Ankara

Azerbaijan's Ambassador to Türkiye, Rashad Aslanov, met with Devlet Bahçeli, chairman of Türkiye's Nationalist Movement Party (MHP), at the party's headquarters in Ankara on Oct.23, amid public tensions between Baku and Ankara over Azerbaijan's school dress regulations and criticism from Turkish political figures.
Ambassador Aslanov conveyed President Aliyev's greetings to Bahçeli and thanked him for his principled position and support for preserving Azerbaijan–Türkiye brotherhood. The ambassador also highlighted Bahçeli's efforts to strengthen unity and solidarity across the Turkic world.
Bahçeli reaffirmed his support for Azerbaijan, stressing that preserving bilateral brotherhood and strengthening solidarity between the two countries were strategically important for the future of the Turkic world. Bahçeli expressed confidence that Azerbaijan–Türkiye relations would continue to develop on the basis of mutual respect, equal partnership, trust and brotherhood.
The meeting took place ahead of the Organization of Turkic States summit scheduled to be held in Ankara on October 30. (REPORT / 23.10.2026)

● エルドアン大統領、学校でのヒジャブ着用をめぐるアゼルバイジャンとの対立を受け、顧問のオクタイ・サラル氏を解任
Erdoğan dismisses adviser Oktay Saral amid dispute with Azerbaijan over school headscarves

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has dismissed his chief presidential adviser, Oktay Saral, according to reports published on Oct.25–26, 2026. Saral himself confirmed that he left his post on Erdoğan's instructions. The dismissal follows a dispute between Türkiye and Azerbaijan over Azerbaijan's school dress-code regulations. Asked whether his departure was connected to his remarks about Azerbaijan, Saral reportedly replied: "Yes, it seems so."

He also said he respected Erdoğan's decision. (APA / 25.10.2026)
NOTE: *Saral had publicly criticised the restrictions affecting headscarves in Azerbaijani schools, arguing that they violated students' right to education. His comments prompted a sharp response from Azerbaijan's ruling New Azerbaijan Party and other Azerbaijani voices. Middle East Eye had previously reported that Baku wanted Saral removed. Türkiye Today reported that his dismissal could help ease tensions and facilitate President Aliyev's participation in the upcoming Organization of Turkic States summit in Türkiye.*

● イラン、ヒジャブ着用規制に直面しているアゼルバイジャンの女子学生を受け入れる意向を示す
Iran offers to accept Azerbaijani female students facing hijab restrictions

On Oct.25, Iranian First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref called on Iranian education authorities and universities to facilitate the admission of Azerbaijani female students affected by restrictions on wearing hijabs in their country. In a post on X, Aref welcomed the Iranian Ministry of Science's readiness to accept the students and urged education officials to take the necessary steps to enable them to continue their studies in Iran.
The initiative follows an Oct.23 announcement by Iranian Science Minister Hossein Simayi Sarraf that Iranian universities were ready to accept Azerbaijani girls facing restrictions over wearing hijabs. Iran's education and health institutions were subsequently urged to facilitate their admission. (KAVKAZ UZEL / 25.10.2026)

● 独外相がアゼルバイジャン訪問
Dutch foreign minister visits Baku to strengthen bilateral ties

On Oct.26, Dutch Foreign Minister Tom Berendsen visited Baku for talks with President Aliyev and FM Bayramov. The visit, the first by a Dutch foreign minister to Azerbaijan in 12 years, focused on strengthening bilateral relations, expanding economic cooperation and discussing the Azerbaijan–Armenia peace process. A 2026–2028 roadmap for bilateral cooperation was adopted during the visit.
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During his meeting with President Aliyev, Berendsen expressed the Netherlands' interest in expanding cooperation and thanked Azerbaijan for helping evacuate Dutch citizens, including the Dutch ambassador to Tehran and embassy staff, from the Middle East via Azerbaijani territory. He also praised Aliyev's role in promoting peace and stability in the South Caucasus. The sides discussed opportunities for cooperation in trade, investment, transport, logistics and agriculture, including the involvement of Dutch companies operating in Azerbaijan.
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In talks with FM Bayramov, the ministers reviewed cooperation in politics, trade, investment, energy, transport, agriculture, water management, shipbuilding, innovation, education and humanitarian affairs. They discussed strengthening business ties, promoting mutual

investment and making use of the newly established Azerbaijan–Netherlands Chamber of Commerce. The Dutch minister was also briefed on Azerbaijan's role in the Middle Corridor, the Baku International Sea Trade Port and the Alat Free Economic Zone. The roadmap covers political and consular affairs, economic relations, maritime issues, logistics, agriculture, water management, scientific research and culture.

At a joint press conference, Berendsen described Azerbaijan as an important regional partner and said the Netherlands wanted to deepen political, economic, educational and social cooperation. He welcomed Azerbaijan's commitment to the peace process with Armenia, urging both sides to take pragmatic steps towards a final peace agreement. Berendsen also said Dutch specialists would explore possibilities for assisting Azerbaijan with humanitarian mine clearance.

The ministers also discussed the Russia–Ukraine war. Berendsen thanked Azerbaijan for supporting Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and for its latest humanitarian assistance package, stressing the importance of continued support as winter approached. (AZERTAG, REPORT / 26.10.2026)

● アリエフ大統領が OIC 事務総長と会談
President Aliyev received OIC Secretary-General

On Oct. 26, President Aliyev received Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), who was visiting Azerbaijan following his election. Aliyev reaffirmed Azerbaijan's commitment to strengthening Islamic solidarity and intercultural dialogue, noting that Baku would host the OIC Summit in 2027, with preparations already underway. The sides discussed media cooperation within the OIC, joint efforts to counter disinformation, and projects to be implemented during Azerbaijan's chairmanship. (AZERTAG / 26.10.2026)

● バイラモフ外相と OIC 事務総長、2027 年バクー・サミットの準備について協議
Azerbaijani FM, OIC chief discuss preparations for 2027 Baku summit

On Oct.26, FM Bayramov met with Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Secretary-General Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed in Baku to discuss preparations for the OIC summit scheduled to be held in Azerbaijan in 2027.

The sides reviewed Azerbaijan–OIC cooperation, with Bayramov expressing appreciation for the organisation's support for Azerbaijan's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Discussions also covered priorities for Azerbaijan's upcoming OIC chairmanship, strengthening political and economic cooperation among member states, institutional reforms within the organisation, and cooperation in humanitarian affairs, climate change, youth and media. The sides also discussed humanitarian assistance through the Azerbaijan International Development Agency (AIDA) and opportunities to expand joint initiatives addressing humanitarian challenges across the Muslim world. (TREND / 26.10.2026)

● アゼルバイジャンで報道活動が禁止されているトルコメディア関係者がイスタンブールで拘束
Azerbaijan-banned Turkish media representative detained in Istanbul

Muhammed Emin Yıldırım, Istanbul representative of the Turkish Köklü Değişim magazine and media group, was detained by Istanbul police on Oct.26 over his social media posts, according to the media group. Turkish authorities had not publicly clarified the grounds for his detention at the time of reporting. Yıldırım was among 31 Turkish citizens whom Azerbaijan declared persona non grata on Oct.21 and banned from entering the country. (TREND / 26.10.2026)

● ハジエフ大統領補佐官、日本との相互ビザ免除を呼びかけ、平和と偽情報に関する課題を強調
Presidential aid Hajiyev calls for reciprocal visa-free travel with Japan, highlights peace and disinformation challenges

Assistant to the President of Azerbaijan Hikmat Hajiyev discussed the peace process with Armenia, the growing challenge of disinformation and prospects for expanding international cooperation during a special session titled “The Language of Peace and Combating Disinformation” at the Baku Culture and Media Dialogue Platform on October 26.

Hajiyev said a peace agreement with Armenia should go beyond a formal document and deliver tangible benefits. He described restoring trust and reconciliation between the two peoples as a priority, while expressing concern about what he characterized as revanchist sentiments in Armenian society. He also said Azerbaijanis expected apologies from Armenian society in connection with past events and the suffering of displaced people.

Addressing disinformation, Hajiyev argued that artificial intelligence and social media were making it increasingly difficult to establish the truth. He said disinformation had become part of broader hybrid strategies and criticized a CNN report published during the Iran–Israel war that suggested Israeli forces could use Azerbaijani territory to attack Iran. Hajiyev described the report as false and said Azerbaijan had sought an explanation, but had received no response or apology.

Hajiyev also discussed travel arrangements with Japan, saying Azerbaijan hoped to extend the temporary visa-free regime for Japanese citizens, which is due to expire in July 2027. He said the arrangement should ideally become reciprocal, allowing Azerbaijani citizens to visit Japan without visas. According to Hajiyev, the relevant agencies and foreign ministries could explore the possibility, which would facilitate tourism and cultural exchanges.

Hajiyev also highlighted Azerbaijan’s interest in developing national artificial-intelligence infrastructure, citing the country’s geographical position and energy resources as potential

advantages for international cooperation. (APA, TREND / 26.10.2026)

● 第 7 回異文化対話世界フォーラムがバクーで開幕
7th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue commenced in Baku

The 7th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue, themed “Dialogue for a Shared Future,” opened in Baku on Oct. 27, with President Aliyev attending and delivering a speech. According to Aliyev, the forum has attracted more than 2,000 registered participants, including over 500 foreign guests from more than 100 countries.

Aliyev highlighted Azerbaijan’s traditions of multiculturalism, religious tolerance and ethnic diversity, describing social harmony as a key factor in the country’s development. He said representatives of different ethnic and religious communities enjoyed equal rights and had demonstrated unity during the conflict with Armenia.

Addressing the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict, Aliyev said decades of negotiations had failed to resolve the issue and accused international powers of allowing the conflict to remain frozen. He stated that Azerbaijan had restored its territorial integrity through the 2020 Second Karabakh War and the 2023 military operation, citing its right to self-defence and relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

Aliyev reiterated that Azerbaijan had initiated the peace process with Armenia and said the peace agreement initialed in Washington in August 2025 demonstrated Baku’s commitment to ending the conflict without pursuing further retaliation. He called on countries involved in other conflicts to examine Azerbaijan’s experience in ending hostilities and pursuing peace.

The Azerbaijani president also criticised what he described as double standards in international politics, pointing to the non-implementation of UN Security Council resolutions on the former occupation of Azerbaijani territories and the absence of sanctions against Armenia. He opposed what he characterized as attempts by foreign countries to dictate how Azerbaijan should govern itself, stressing the importance of sovereignty and independence. *[His remarks were about Türkiye]*

On foreign policy, Aliyev highlighted Azerbaijan’s strategic partnerships with China and the United States, as well as its agreements with European Union member states. He also referred to Azerbaijan’s growing role in energy supplies and international transport connectivity, its chairmanship of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), and its planned hosting of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation summit in 2027 and the European Political Community summit in 2028.

Aliyev concluded by stressing the importance of intercultural dialogue and international cooperation amid ongoing conflicts and global uncertainty. He described the initialling of the Armenia-Azerbaijan peace agreement in the presence of US President Donald Trump at the White House as a significant development in relations between the two countries.

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Speaking at the 7th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue in Baku on October 27, representatives of the UN, OIC, ICESCO and UN Tourism praised Azerbaijan’s role in

promoting intercultural and interfaith dialogue through the Baku Process. They highlighted cooperation in protecting cultural heritage, supporting education and engaging young people in peacebuilding. ICESCO Director-General Salim bin Mohammed AlMalik also referred to the destruction of cultural heritage in Garabagh and East Zangezur. (AZERTAG / 27.10.2026)

NOTE: *Ahead of the 13th Summit of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) in Ankara on October 29–30, Türkiye's Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) leader Devlet Bahçeli issued a statement on Oct.27 stressing that Azerbaijan–Türkiye relations transcend political and diplomatic disagreements. Amid recent tensions surrounding Azerbaijan's school headscarf restrictions and criticism from Turkish figures, Bahçeli warned against allowing misunderstandings to develop into lasting divisions. He called for mutual respect, solidarity and stronger cooperation among Turkic states, emphasising the importance of preserving their unity for future generations. He did not explicitly refer to the recent dispute.*

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